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A pipeline video decoder and decompression system handles a plurality of separately encoded bit streams. The pipeline system employs a plurality of interconnected stages to decode and decompress the bit stream including at least an initial and an intermediate stage. Certain control tokens are used to reconfigure or prepare the stages for processing in order to handle raw byte data, which can occur at any stage including the initial or intermediate stage.